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Quick Look

Sorority aims for recognition

A sorority is trying to make a name for itself and obtain recognition from the University.

April Griffith, broadcasting major, is one of three Northwest members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc.

Although historically AKA is a black sorority it is not limited to African Americans, Griffith said. In fact, Eleanor Roosevelt is an honorary member, she said.

Even though there is not a recognized chapter at Northwest, Griffith and her sorority sisters are active through the national headquarters based in Chicago.

In order for AKA to have a chapter, there must be 12 eligible and active members at Northwest.

"We have to try to get Alpha Kappa Alpha involved with the Greek community," Griffith said.

AKA will be on the Greek Week T-shirts. The sorority will also be at the Greek banquet and will start being publicized in the University's Greek publications.

Since AKA is a service sorority it values community service as well as sisterhood.

"Our sorority represents sisterhood and service to mankind, it represents lifelong bonding because once you're a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, you are members for life," Griffith said.

Quality awards to be given

Quality will be recognized for the second year with the presentation of awards for outstanding contributors to the University.

The Commitment to Quality Award, modeled after the Missouri Quality Award, is one of the most prestigious awards offered at Northwest, said Megan Johnson, Student Senate vice president of student affairs.

The distribution of the award is regulated by Annette Weymuth, executive assistant to the president, who accepts nominations and plans the ceremony.

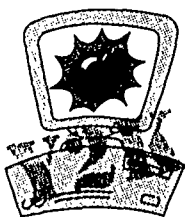
This award is given on a continual basis but is only presented when a person at Northwest has been noticed for having a positive affect on the University.

Nominations for the award can be submitted from Feb. 22 to March 8 to Weymuth or the Student Support Services office.

For more information contact Weymuth, 562-1110, or the Student Support Services office at 562-1862.

Millennium being discussed

The Chamber of Commerce invited St. Joseph Light and Power to a breakfast meeting Tuesday to discuss Y2K problems.



Don Ellis, Light and Power manager for the information systems department, spoke to Chamber members about how their businesses could prepare for the millennium.

Ellis has been at the company for 16 years and for the last 18 months has been in charge of correcting the potential problems with the year 2000 and computers.

He listed several steps that can be taken in attempt to keep their businesses glitch free. He suggested taking inventory, testing the computer systems, changing the problems, managing the systems, testing again and planning for contingencies.

To test computers make backups for all files, set the system's clock to 11:59 p.m. Dec. 31, 1999 and then turn off the system, turn it back on and check the date. Next, test the application and see if they are still in order. If the system cannot be tested, attempt to have it certified by a provider.

The biggest concerns for Light and Power are the electric, gas and steam delivery systems, the power plant controls and the accounting and finance programs.

"We're as ready as one can get," Ellis said. "But if we don't fix the problem, we won't have a Y2K problem because there will be no electricity to plug in your computers."

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Flu epidemic hits county

by Laurie Den Ouden
Community News Editor

Many know the flu season comes each year and northwest Missouri is no exception.

As proof, the doctor's offices in Maryville have been busy.

Gerald Wilmes, Northwest Student Health Center medical director, said it is the health center's policy to work patients in on the same day, but within the last few weeks it has been unrealistic.

"We've been swamped, overloaded with calls," Wilmes said.

In northwest Missouri, the reported cases of flu-related symptoms from various weekly surveys at nursing homes, schools and physicians' offices have increased, said Jon Hinkle, communicable disease coordinator for the Northwest district of the Missouri Department of Health.

In Nodaway County, there were 19 reported cases of flu-like symptoms in the last week of January and 161 the first week of February.

Wilmes said the majority of complaints have been flu-like symptoms such as high fevers, body aches, nasal stuffiness, coughing and chest pains. However, a string of the flu virus influenza A is most frequently seen and does not have a practical test. It is expensive and few local doctors have the means to do the test. But, there really is not any better treatment than bed rest, Wilmes said.

Antibiotics do not help viral sicknesses like the flu. Many doctors recommend people receive flu shots in the beginning of October or November to help build up an-

Preventative health tips

- Wash hands thoroughly after sneezing and blowing your nose.
- Watch out for telephones, doorknobs and shopping cart handles where people constantly leave germs.
- Avoid crowds. Many people are trapped in one area who are coughing, sneezing and germs spread rapidly.
- Do not drink or eat after anyone.
- Eat good, nutritious food and get plenty of rest to improve resistance.
- Get a flu shot each year before the flu season starts, around the first of October.



tibodies so the immune system can fight off sicknesses.

Wilmes said the flu shot is a good idea, but it is too late in the season to get one now.

"The best prevention other than getting a flu shot is avoiding people with illnesses already," he said.

Although staying clear of those who are already sick, especially in schools, is not always practical, Wilmes offers other suggestions.

He said in order to prevent getting sick, stay healthy by exercising, eating a good diet, getting plenty of sleep and steering clear of others who are ill. However, in school and dorm atmospheres that is not practical.

Wilmes also said those who are already sick need to stay in bed, drink plenty of water and get plenty of sleep.

The Maryville School District has seen attendance decline in the last two weeks but there has been nothing alarming, said school superintendent Gary Bell.

"There have been some spikes in the number of absences now and then, but this time of year is always higher," Bell said.

Bell said there is no rule as to when schools close because of high absentee rates but it rarely happens. He recalled one incident in his 14 years.

Attorney aims for execution

by Lindsey Corey
Managing Editor

The Andrew County Prosecutor said he will seek the death penalty for three men charged in two murder cases.

Jerry Biggs will ask for the death penalty for the first time in his career for Travis Canon, 20, Michael Rauch, 42, and his son Shawn Rauch, 21.

"I do this with a feeling that my duty requires it," he said. "We also have to remember the victims and their families."

Canon, a former Northwest student, is charged with the first-degree murder of Gracie Hixson, 56, during a robbery at



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Play uses comedy to confront racism

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

The cast of Pamela Parker's "A Higher Place in Heaven" filled the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center with laughter and applause Monday night.

The play, which is a story of two families overcoming racism, is set in Georgia in 1925.

The entire two hour story unfolds with just six cast members on a single set.

The performance tells the story of two women, one white and the other black, and their families. It deals with racism and topics considered controversial at the time the play was set by periodically using comedy.

When Miss Madison, the white debutante, decides to leave her plantation to her lifelong companion Miss Simpson, who is black, a conflict with Madison's sons arises. The eldest son can't accept the thought of a black family owning what has been his family's traditional home for generations. The younger son is more accepting, but is still hesitant to give up control of the his family's plantation.

The plot develops throughout three humorous scenes and is resolved in a dramatic final scene which carries a serious message.

"The ending was terrific," University President Dean Hubbard said. "It showed that the point of maintaining 'racial purity' was complete nonsense from the beginning."

The play was written by Pamela Parker who has also written several other

plays including the sequel to this play, "Second Samuel."

"Pamela doesn't slap you in the face (with the message), she smacks you on the rear on the way out," Sally Bondi, the actress who plays Madison, said.

The play was performed for a crowd that filled approximately 65 percent of the seats at Mary Linn, said Bryan Vanosdale, director of student activities. Most of those in attendance were members of the community.

"I wish we could have had more students there," Hubbard said.

Vanosdale said the crowd was larger than he expected, but numbers do not necessarily determine the success of the play.

He said the crowd really seemed to enjoy the play. There was laughter and applause throughout the entire performance.

"The audience was wonderful," Bondi said. "They were very responsive, and they were right there with us the whole time."

Bondi, along with co-star Valerie Payton, who plays the part of Simpson, has performed the script for almost four years.

"I feel very privileged to be part of this play," Bondi said.

Parker has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for "A Higher Place in Heaven" and "Second Samuel." She has also won the Center for Southern Studies Playwrights Award for the play.

Bondi said the play is under consideration to be made into a Hallmark-style made-for-TV movie.



Jennifer Meyer/Photography Editor

In Monday's production of "A Higher Place in Heaven," Lando Griffin, "Ulysses," talks to Valerie Payton, "Miss Simpson," who plays his mother in the show.

MHS offers dual credit courses

by Burton Taylor
University News Editor

The criteria for high school students taking college level courses in Missouri is currently being discussed by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education.

These high school courses are dual credit, meaning a student receives both high school and college credit for a course taken.

Such courses generally fulfill a student's general education requirements for their college education.

The concept of transferable college credit has grown 50 percent in the past two years and seems to be catching on throughout the state, University Provost Tim Gilmour said.

"Dual credit is very popular and is going to continue to be with us," Gilmour said. "So what we need to do as an institution is make sure we're operating a sound program."

Gilmour also said there is a demand for the courses and it does benefit the students.

"The program, I think, does fulfill a need," Gilmour said. "It is really just a need of getting some basic standards in and enforcing those standards."

The reasons these courses are being discussed pertain to the education high school students receive at the college level before they graduate and the potential problems that they are accompanied with.

A study done by the Coordinating Board found 62 percent of high schools taking part in the higher level courses do not have policy limits pertaining to the total number of credits a high school student can obtain.

Gilmour said this may be a problem but those who can handle the extra course work should not be held back.

"If they are achieving the outcomes that are comparable and they have those proficiencies which we expect of people coming out of their sophomore year when they arrive here, why shouldn't they," he said.

Gilmour said there are two sides of the dual credit education issue that can be addressed.

The faculty, teaching college level courses in high schools, is currently required to earn a master's degree and 18 additional hours of course work in their area of instruction.

Gilmour said one potential problem is not following state guidelines.

The Coordinating Board's study results also showed only 56 percent of the schools participating in dual credit met the requirements.

Gilmour said it's imperative that these institutions follow the criteria in order to ensure the students get the college education they need.

"I think we need to further the requirements that faculty have a master's degree and 18 hours," Gilmour said. "That seems reasonable right now."

However, Maryville High

School does follow these criteria and has been taking part in the dual credit courses for a year.

The grade point average requirements may be low and need to be reconsidered, Gilmour said.

Missouri's current requirement is a 2.5 GPA and Gilmour said stricter requirements may be more appropriate.

"I think a 3.0 should be required if not more," he said.

Gilmour said these problems don't hurt the high school's or universities' reputation in Missouri, but instead have a negative impact on students, which is the main reason he and the state are concerned.

Sue Slater, MHS senior counselor, said she also recognizes potential problems in the dual credit system because of the lack of experience some students have.

"I personally have a concern about a high school junior taking a course that a college student normally takes," she said.

The Coordinating Board will examine inexperience because a freshman high school student could possibly get into a dual credit course, unprepared for the extra load.

However, there are benefits these dual credit courses offer students, Slater said.

"It is half tuition, and that is a big benefit," Slater said. "Also, the students are taking the courses with a teacher that they are familiar with and that helps too."

Fast Fact on High School Credits

Student eligibility

- 28 percent of the institutions required a minimum GPA of 2.5-3.5 for enrollment in dual credit courses.
- 10 percent required a class rank range from top 50 percent to upper one-third.
- 69 percent required a principal's or counselor's permission.
- 48 percent required minimum placement test scores.

Teacher qualification and support

- 56 percent of the high school instructors had a master's degree with at least 18 hours graduate credit in the discipline being taught.
- 4 percent of the high school instructors had less than a master's degree.
- 71 percent had advanced faculty status on campus.
- 68 percent provided structured orientation.
- 41 percent of the institutions provided professional development opportunities for dual credit instructors.

Drug use rises, officers respond

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

Northwest Missouri residents may soon see officers of a new drug strike force on the streets.

Officers from eight counties are coming together to form the unit, which may be active as soon as April.

The Northwest Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement Team will be comprised of one deputy from Andrew, Atchison, DeKalb, Gentry, Harrison, Holt, Nodaway and Worth county departments.

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey conceived the idea in October 1998. He said the unit is needed due to increased drug use.

"We're seeing more and more drug activity," he said. "Officers are making more drug arrests."

A grant is being sought in order to hire a full-time director and provide operating costs for the first year, which are estimated at \$200,000. Each county will also have to contribute \$3,000 to \$4,000 in addition to the grant, Espey said.

There is currently no drug enforcement unit operating throughout northwest Missouri. The unit that worked in this area at one time now focuses its efforts strictly on St. Joseph.

"We need to have officers trained in narcotics enforcement," Espey said.

The unit will be very involved in Maryville and the surrounding area, he said.

"I want to use the officers in the community to give talks to make everyone aware of the drugs in the area, how to detect a drug problem and what to do if you find drugs," he said.

The unit is being supported by Rep. Rex Barnett, R-Mo., and Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo.

Keori Nagel/Graphics Editor

OUR VIEW

Giving thanks

Maryville residents, businesses support University, students

Once in a while we all need to show a little appreciation for those who support and nurture us.

The Maryville community has really tried to improve itself over the past few years. It's a small town that cares about its citizens' concerns and understands that the University it encompasses helps the community thrive.

We've seen several projects in the works, which we give Maryville an "A" for supporting.

For example this summer a street project repaired several previously hazardous city roads.

The City Council has also been working on alternative plans for disposing of the waste produced throughout the city, since the landfill should be filled within the next five years.

Maryville saw the need for the battered streets and the problem with waste removal increasing and decided to make them priorities even if it was going to be an expensive and long process.

The South Main Street Development Project is another effort to try and evaluate what changes are in order to bring more businesses to this area. A committee will address questions like, do we need another stoplight or a wider street to offset the heavy traffic on South Main Street?

There have been several large development projects recently that demonstrate how much the people of Maryville want to help the city grow.

Big city projects are unable to be completed without community support and funding. Well, this community has overwhelmingly fulfilled both of these criteria.

The Donaldson Westside Park and the Maryville Public Library will soon show the benefits of its contributors and benefactors. Without support, neither would have been possible.

The University and the businesses also developed a complimentary relationship. The businesses try to cater to a large portion of the population, the University students, by bringing things into their stores that appeal to students. The students return these favors by buying products from the community rather than taking their business to a larger city.

The Maryville community is greatly appreciated for its support of the University. Without you, there would be no us.

MY VIEW

Reporter appreciates small-town attitude



Stephanie Clarkin

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A common question most people tend to ask me is why I decided to leave St. Louis to come to a small town like Maryville. I usually give them a list of reasons running from the inexpensive tuition to the fact that computers are

available in every residence hall room.

However, in my response I also stress the main reason: the friendly atmosphere Maryville and Northwest bears.

On my first visit, I remember my family and I stopping at the Shell's Standard "Amoco" service station with the cute red bait shop to use the restroom after the long five and a half hour drive from St. Louis.

The people there were really friendly. I don't remember exactly what they said but they did direct us to campus. Right then we knew Maryville was going to be a warm and friendly place.

Smiles, a friendly wave, and maybe a "Hi, how are you?" are very common when you stroll down the streets of Maryville or through campus.

Although I was aiming for a friendly place to live when I chose Maryville, I was still overwhelmed with the friendliness of the town.

Of course, I was tickled to death with how neighborly people were since my family was many miles

away. After awhile the locals rubbed off on this big city girl and it became a habit of mine to greet strangers who passed by.

On the other hand, in St. Louis you are lucky to catch a nod or a smile. I never really noticed this until I went home one weekend when I was outside of a store waiting to meet my mother and sister for lunch.

Person after person would walk by and I didn't get a "How are you?" a "Good morning," or even a nod. I thought to myself, if I was in Maryville I bet each one of them would have at least said "hello."

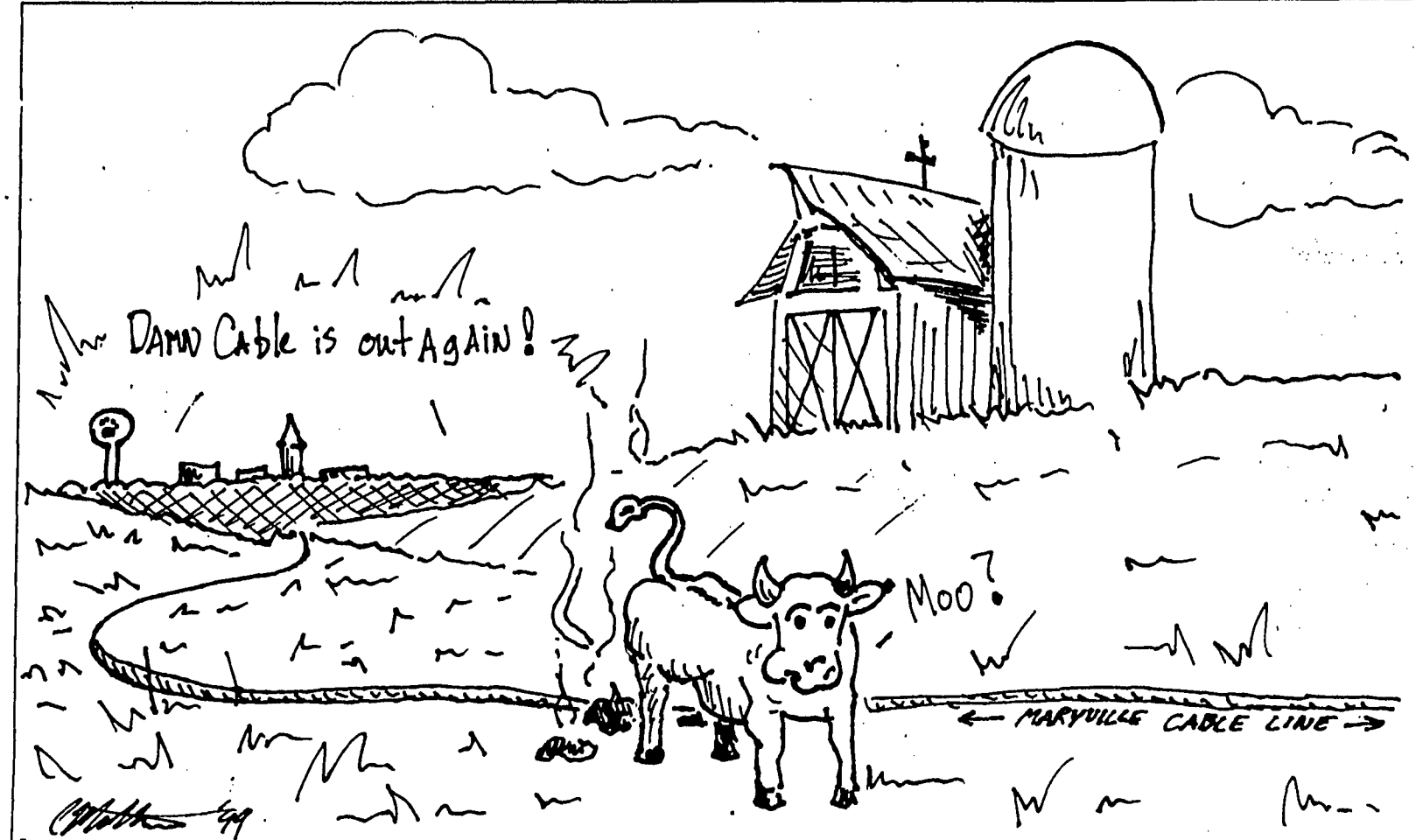
Finally, after five people passed by, one sweet elderly lady said something along the lines of "Isn't it a nice day outside?" I was grateful for her comment and I replied with a "yes" and a smile.

There was a good chance the lady was from a small town that saw the value in brightening someone's day with a simple "Good morning."

This value should exist in any town or city, no matter how big it is. When someone greets you, you do not feel so much like a small fish in a big pond. A good town is not one with lots of attractions, but one with people who have manners.

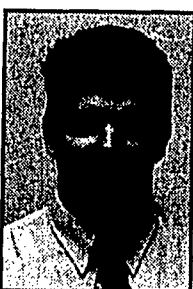
Yes, maybe Maryville does not have an enormous shopping mall or glamorous restaurants such as "Hard Rock Cafe" or a "Planet Hollywood," but it does have people who are not too afraid to acknowledge the existence of another person with a simple "hello."

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MY VIEW

Humane Society urges people to adopt animals



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Shelter serves as viable alternative to pet store

When it is time to add a furry member to the family, many folks begin by visiting a pet store.

Before you don your driving gloves and point the car toward Kansas City or Omaha, Neb., might I suggest looking in the pages of the Northwest Missourian? For the next few months the Missourian will be running an "adopt-a-pet" advertisement for the New Nodaway Humane Society and Animal Shelter.

The featured animals are local, in desperate need, and full of love. If the pet in the photo is not "your doggie in the window," you may want to mosey on down to the animal shelter at 3721 E. First St. (on the east side of the 102 River bridge) and look at the myriad of puppies, kittens and adult animals waiting for loving homes. Surely a perfect pet is waiting for you just a short drive away.

The animal shelter is open 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. It may be wise to call 562-3333 first to make sure the animal control officers are at the shelter and not on a rescue run.

Rescue animals make first-rate pets. We realize puppies and kittens are often the first choice in adoption because they are so adorable. One must realize, however, that any new baby needs an extreme amount of attention and care. So if throwing on your bunny slippers and fuzzy robe at 3 a.m. for a potty run isn't your idea of fun, you may want to consider an older animal. Older animals are just as loving as puppies and kittens, they can make it through

the night without accidents and they usually have surpassed their childhood destructive phase.

Don't forget all animals need training, patience and an adjustment period. As my wife always says, "you have to love your animal more than you love your stuff." If you want something that is cute without responsibility, get a teddy bear. Animals are terrific, but they rely on you for all their needs.

Perhaps you love animals, but cannot adopt one right now. In that case, you can still help the animals by volunteering down at the shelter or working with the New Nodaway Humane Society. Dog walkers, pet therapy helpers and people to help with fund raising are always appreciated. In addition, we welcome new ideas and activities to help the animals and the community.

Long range goals for the New Nodaway Humane Society include the construction of a larger and updated animal shelter. If this dream is to become a reality we need your help. In fact, we need the support of the entire community to accomplish this goal. The animal shelter is paramount for the community because it provides safety for animals (and humans), education and emergency rescue.

Remember the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "a nation can be judged by the way it treats its animals." Let us move our society forward by treating our animals with kindness.

Ken Hill is the president of the New Nodaway Humane Society.

IT'S YOUR TURN

How would you rate Classic Cable's service?



"I think it sucks. That is why I bought a satellite dish. I'll never go back."

Tim Westfal, Cork & Keg employee



"Two words: gameshow network."

Mark Reed, Maryville resident



"The picture quality could be better and we need more stations."

Carrie Thomas, Maryville resident

MY VIEW

Fear of offending others creates cultural barriers



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Speakers bring attention to diversity problems

I have recently learned something about humanity that I would like to share with the students at Northwest.

I must begin by saying that I neither specialize in diversity concepts nor am I a part of a minority group on this campus. I am simply a student who, as a reporter, has had the privilege of looking in from the outside.

What I have learned is that there are students of every nationality, race and gender who are willing to work together to unify this campus. What's stopping us is the fear of offending someone in the process.

Our problem today isn't so much anymore that we hate those who are different than us, although there are still people out there who are that ignorant, but that we are uneducated and uninformed about one another.

On many occasions I have heard students of various races say they are afraid to say hello to a student of a different race because they didn't know how they would react. Other students have said they feel intimidated or uncertain of what to say.

This leads me to the conclusion that somewhere along the

line we have been cheated by our families, school systems and communities. Someone has forgotten to teach us that everyone feels intimidated or scared sometimes. Just because the color of your skin happens to be black or white doesn't mean that you are void of these basic human feelings.

As students we are presented with the opportunity to educate ourselves. There are groups and workshops that aren't being utilized because students are terrified of standing out.

Organizations such as the Alliance of Black Collegians and the Student Association for Multicultural Education are not only for black students or minority students, but are created to help all students deal with different aspects of college life and to encourage a better understanding of our cultures.

I don't know all of the answers; no one does. What I do know is that the opportunity for Hispanics, Caucasians, African Americans and other cultures to sit together at one lunch table is here. We just have to take the first step toward the table.

Heather Butler is the features editor for The Northwest Missourian.



"I feel that it has great potential."

Daniel Hernandez, art major



"I feel they offer a wide variety of shows, but there are some technical problems with some of the channels."

Katy Gumm, Maryville resident



"The connection isn't really clear and they need more channels."

Allie Zarror, Payless Shoes employee

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Aid recipients selected

Thirty students have been selected to interview for the Presidential Scholarship of Merit Feb. 20. Each year students are selected to interview for one of 10 scholarships.

Students who are given the scholarship receive full in-state tuition. These awards are redeemable for up to four years.

Students have to be in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class and score a 30 or higher on their ACT. Recipients will be announced Feb. 26.

Campus auction opens

The University will play host to a surplus property sale Feb. 22 that will consist of a variety of office and exercise equipment and a number of different items.

The show is open to faculty, students and residents of Maryville.

The auction will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, and 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the Support Services Building.

Walk promotes wellness

The sixth annual "Cat Walk" will take place at 9 a.m. Feb. 20 in Bearcat Arena to promote physical health and wellness.

The walk, sponsored by the Be Well Committee, is open to Northwest faculty, staff and students.

The cost of the walk is \$2. Participants who preregister with Teresa Carter in the Administration Building, 562-1116, will receive a free T-shirt.

Donations nearing goal

The Northwest annual Callin' all Cats phone-a-thon is closing in on a total of \$120,000 raised for student scholarships.

The fund has set a goal of \$175,000 and is currently accepting donations from Alumni and friends of the University.

For more information, or to support the students of Northwest, contact the Office of University Advancement, 562-1248.

Senior preforms recital

Marcus Duncan presented a senior recital on Tuesday at the Charles Johnson Theater.

Duncan performed both vocal and piano selections during the recital. He plans to graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in music education.

Award honors students

The time to award another year's work is just around the corner for the University.

The Tower Service Award is an annual award recognizing the work of juniors, seniors, graduate students, faculty, support services staff and administrators.

Student Senate organizes the nominations, elections and banquet.

Nominations for the award can be made from Feb. 22 to March 8. The award ceremony will be April 20 during Northwest Week.

For information call Megan Johnson, Student Senate vice president of academic affairs, 562-5405, or Student Support Services, 562-1862.

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Lesson plan ownership under discussion

by Heather Butler
Features Editor

A new policy concerning the ownership of "intellectual property" has been proposed to Faculty Senate by its telecommunications committee.

According to the Faculty Handbook, the University has sole rights and ownership of any work which may be patented or has any commercial value if it is work concerning the University.

The telecommunications committee is proposing to change that policy so faculty will have some le-

gal rights to keeping their intellectual works.

"We have drafted a rewrite of those particular lines," Nancy Zelliff, telecommunications committee chairwoman, said. "We've had some input from faculty department chairs and they seem to be in the line that it should be more mutually agreeable among the faculty."

The committee has also taken the liberty of having one of the University's lawyers propose a rewrite of the original policy.

"Dr. Roger Van Holzen from the CITE office was in contact with one of the University's lawyers and that

lawyer offered an interpretation or a rewrite of what the original lines were," Zelliff said. "The telecommunications committee took that and used it to rewrite what we are now proposing."

According to Zelliff the reason for proposing this new policy is not to earn money for the faculty but to grant them ownership of their work.

"What we do in our teaching may have some commercial value," Zelliff said. "But quite honestly I don't get up every day and say I'm going to write a book, and it's going to be my book and the University can't have any part of it. We just do it to do it."

Zelliff said as of now the policy says the interest is divided between the University and faculty.

One third of any net income received by the University in accordance to this policy will be dispersed to different areas of the college. Another third goes to the department from which the faculty member comes from. The final third goes to cover general overhead for the University.

"I think the real issue is the ownership of intellectual property, our thoughts our ideas and our coursework, the ownership of work that could have been our own brain-

child," Zelliff said. "I believe that I should have ownership in that, maybe not completely but some."

The University's concern is for the new web classes that will be designed by faculty.

"A lot of money is being invested into web classes," Van Holzen said. "There is more of a concern to clarify if someone leaves and takes an online class program with them what right does the University have to that work."

As of now, the policy is being observed by the faculty reference committee and will go to the University's attorney for review.

Play raises morality questions

by Jamasa Kramer
Missourian Reporter

One play in the Northwest lab series raised questions of morality and addressed the issue of murder, Friday in Charles Johnson Theater.

"The Valiant," which is set in 1921, was directed by Ben Sumrall.

It is about a man who has committed a murder, that to him seemed necessary. The play does not discuss the reasons he committed the murder but other problems associated with it.

"The Valiant" was performed by Northwest students Paul Nevins, Russ Root, Kevin Sontheimer, Sarah Rush, Rachel Vierck and Kyle Stephens.

Charles Schultz, professor of communication and theater/arts, said even though "The Valiant" was written back in the 1920s it is still suitable for today's audience.

"It is still apropos today because of the universal theme there is honor among thieves or individuals who have committed a tragic deed and are now being penalized for it," Schultz said. "And is that deed proper or is it never proper? In other words, is there such a



Russ Root, center, who played a jailed James Dyke in last week's production of "The Valiant," speaks to Sarah Rush, who played Josephine Paris. Paris sought out Dyke believing he was her brother.

thing as an honorable lie or an honorable murder?"

The play caused people to evaluate what makes something good or bad and shows that it is not easy to make quick judgments, Sumrall said.

"I thought it was a very inter-

esting play, and it posed a lot of interesting questions on if there is any pure right or pure wrong thing," said Carissa Dixon, technical theater major.

While Dixon recognized the ethical topics in the play, another student noticed the character

relationships as portrayed by the student cast.

"I felt that 'The Valiant' was an excellent production, highlighted by some sincere emotion and character interaction," Matt Dendinger, theater performance major said.

Faculty Senate closing in on quarter century

by Heather Butler
Features Editor

An organization that has lead Northwest's faculty for a number of years is preparing for its 25th anniversary celebration.

The celebration will be held at the Alumni House Feb. 25th to commemorate 25 years of service provided by Faculty Senate to the University.

"It's kind of a milestone," Senate President Patricia Lucido said. "We want to celebrate the efforts of all the Senators and all of the senators over the years who have put in a lot of hard work into curriculum shaping and committees that are a part of Senate responsibilities."

The 25th Faculty Senate will play host to the celebration and will be providing refreshments for all who attend.

Lucido said they will also have a

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■ Patricia Lucido, Faculty Senate president

Power Point presentation showing all of the senators over the years.

She hopes to acknowledge the senators who have spent the most number of years serving on Senate and to recognize the biggest accomplishments made by specific governing bodies.

"I think it's a good idea to honor the presidents and the Senate as a whole," said Edward Farquhar,

eighth president of Senate. "I'm very supportive of the Faculty Senate and I think the Senate has done a lot of good things for the faculty and the University."

Some of the former presidents are looking forward to the reception to see how Faculty Senate has changed since they last served.

"I think it will be fun to have a chance to talk and look at the

changes throughout the years," said Merry McDonald, second president of the Senate.

McDonald said Senate has been modified significantly since she served 24 years ago because of the different attitudes and how society has changed.

She said there wasn't as much involvement then as there is now.

"I think involvement in all aspects of the University is heavier now," McDonald said.

"Its role has expanded over the years so that there are discussions that touch on more issues than in the early years."

Senators are very proud of the work they have accomplished through the years and is looking forward to celebrating Faculty Senate achievements.

"We've had 25 good years," Lucido said. "And we are looking forward to the next 25."

Inflation provides increased budget

by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

Northwest could see a 1 percent or \$300,000, inflationary increase in state funding for the 1999 fiscal year based on Gov. Mel Carnahan's recommendations.

The University could also be getting about \$1.1 million from the state for "mission enhancement."

The state currently funds 54 percent of the University's 1998 fiscal year budget of \$48.2 million. The other 46 percent comes from tuition and student fees.

For the upcoming fiscal year, the budget will be approximately \$50 million, said Ray Courter, vice president for finance.

Although \$50 million sounds like a large amount to most people, Courter said Northwest will have to manage its funds carefully.

"Budgets are usually a little tight, and I think they should be," university President Dean Hubbard said. "I think we owe that to the students and the taxpayers."

Courter said a natural increase in the utility bill, postage and health insurance will have to be accounted for. Northwest currently pays \$1.14 million for employee health insurance. That is expected to rise about 10 percent in this year's budget.

Another factor that will be figured in is an increase in faculty salaries and benefits. Courter said a 1 percent increase in salaries and benefits would be about \$300,000.

"We're looking at salary data from peer institutions to see how comparable we are," Courter said.

Part of the problem with budget tightness stems from the Hancock Amendment, a state constitutional amendment which regulates the growth of state income and expenditures. Although the state may get more tax income, the Hancock Amendment ensures the excess is returned to taxpayers.

Courter said, although the University needs to spend more because of inflation, the state cannot legally afford to give Northwest more money.

However, Carnahan has supported higher education by trying to ensure the necessary funding is directed to schools, Hubbard said.

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Tuition affects budgeted aid

by Stephanie Clarkin
Chief Reporter

Because of increased tuition, Northwest has enhanced its scholarship budget to compensate.

Del Morley, director of financial assistance said there has been a steady increase in the number of students applying for scholarships along with an increase in the amount of aid Northwest has awarded to students.

"I think the cost continues to rise so more people are looking for assistance," Morley said. "Another factor is not very many families save significantly for college."

Merit aid and student activity scholarships are two types of financial aid that come from Northwest's budget.

A total of \$2 million is spent per year on scholarships including the money for these two programs.

The purpose of merit aid scholarships, based on academic qualifications, is to reward students for academic achievement, said Deborah Collier, assistant director of advisement.

Funds for merit aid scholarships are a combination of state revenue and student tuition and fees, said Roger Pugh, dean of enrollment.

Between 40 and 45 percent of students receive merit aid, he said.

An example of a merit aid scholarship is the Presidential Scholarship of Merit. This scholarship covers a student's in-state tuition and room and board costs.

The scholarship is awarded to 10 students who have at least an ACT score of 29 and are ranked in the top 10 percent of their high-school class.

Over 50 incoming freshmen applied for the scholarship and 30 were chosen for interviews scheduled for Feb. 20.

The 20 students not selected will receive the Presidential Semifinalist award which covers only the student's tuition, Collier said.

However, students who do not qualify for the presidential scholarship but have an ACT score of 23 to 29 and rank between the top 15 and 25 percent in their high-school graduating class can apply for any of the three levels of the Regents scholarship. The amounts awarded vary from \$750 to \$1,500 depending on the students' grades and ACT scores.

Depending on students' success at Northwest after they are awarded a scholarship they can either move to a different level or possibly lose their Regents scholarship.

"As our admissions standards increase, then more students will qualify for Regents," Collier said.

The second type of scholarships funded by Northwest is the student activity scholarships. These scholarships are given to students involved in activities ranging from music to forensics and from athletics to cheerleading.

These scholarships are funded by student tuition and fees.

For the 1998-99 school year 428 students received activity scholarships, Morley said.



The Georgia Mass Choir took the stage at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center as part of the University's Black History Month festivities Thursday night. The choir was formed in 1983, and continues to tour the United States today.

Wendy Broker/Assistant Sports Editor

Choir promotes ethnicity

by Wendy Broker
Assistant Sports Editor

Young and old of all ethnicities poured into Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Thursday to hear the Georgia Mass Choir.

The choir, which was formed January 1983, sang as part of the Black History Month celebration at Northwest.

The choir was about 15 minutes late, but opened with a song entitled "Hold On," and from that point the crowd grabbed onto the lyrics and joined in clapping.

During another song, "Let Us March On," the crowd was encouraged to join hands signifying harmony.

"Joining hands represented unity, togetherness and not discriminating against others," said Brian Cunningham, business management major. "It was a nice way to bring out Black History Month. It brought people to-

gether, brought relationships closer by doing it. I wouldn't normally go up to someone and grab their hand, but I did then."

After bringing "togetherness" to the crowd, the choir who has performed at New York's Motown Cafe, "Good Morning America" and "Saturday Night Live," brought excitement to the crowd by singing of joy.

As the choir left the stage for intermission, the crowd continued to sing. "It was a great concert," said Jamie Isom, pre-nursing major. "There was a lot of energy, and they really got everybody involved. I liked their music selection and how they interacted and came out into the crowd. I thought it would be pretty rockin' and it was. It was worth it, and I want them to come back again."

When the choir came back from intermission, its band played "Jump" by Van Halen and "Beat it," by Micheal

Jackson in the background as the choir sang some gospel numbers.

"It was really neat that they played songs people recognized," Cunningham said. "It brought people to listen more carefully to the words. The energy they had demands attention, that's what attracts a lot of people. It was better than I expected."

The choir director asked who in the crowd loved the Lord. As hands raised all over the auditorium, he said, "It doesn't matter if you're black or white. You can love the Lord."

After some "gospel aerobics," the choir asked the crowd to "raise the roof" while shouting "ain't no party like the Holy Ghost party," 'cause the Holy Ghost party don't stop."

When the party finally ended the crowd did not stop talking of feeling the Spirit fill during the "Thursday night church service" at Mary Linn and could not help but ask for more.

Editor's Note: The entire staff of The Northwest Missourian works every day to ensure that our readers are well informed on topics that interest them and keep them up-to-date on the current events of the University and Maryville community.

We at the Missourian are always looking for ideas, hot topics and issues that we feel will catch our reader's attention. In essence we are working for you, the reader, and this paper is essentially yours.

We are a service to you. Hence we are introducing a weekly calendar to help inform you of what is happening around campus.

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■ Free Movie Night, 7 p.m., Hudson Hall Lounge
■ Russell Schmaljohn Ceramic Exhibit at Deluce Gallery closes

Sunday

■ Valentine's Day

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■ President's Day

Tuesday

■ Jocelyn Elders' Distinguished Lecture, 8 p.m., Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, free

Wednesday

■ Ash Wednesday

Friday

■ Game Night, 7:30 p.m., Hudson Hall Lounge, free
■ Junior high solo/ensemble contest

SENATE ACTIVITY

Student Senate meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays in Colder Hall room 3500

This week in Student Senate:
■ Allocated \$1,150 to the Bearcat Steppers for their upcoming trip to the USA Dance Nationals in Las Vegas
■ Allocated \$874 to the Interfraternity Council for an upcoming conference in Chicago
■ Allocated \$600 to Rape Is Going To Have To Stop for the purchase of two-way radios for the campus escort service. RIGHTS announced it is looking for more escorts. Training sessions for the escort service will be Feb. 17 and 18.
■ Voted to recognize the Northwest Kennel Club Inc. as an official organization
■ Announced a legislative reception for March 10. Senate members will visit Jefferson City.
■ Announced a Who's Who Among American College Students reception for 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Conference Center

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Students take advantage of interning, traveling overseas



by Josh Flaharty
Chief Reporter

Two Northwest faculty members will be teaching courses in London this summer as part of the Missouri-London Exchange Program.

Richard Fulton, political science department chairman, will be teaching a course on comparative governments in London May 14 through June 4.

Fulton said this will be his second time teaching in London, but his first time as a part of this program.

Dave McLaughlin, associate professor of political science, will also be teaching in London this May. He will be teaching a course on comparative criminal justice systems.

national justice systems.

Fulton and McLaughlin will be following in the footsteps of other Northwest faculty.

Ron DeYoung, dean of the college of professional and applied studies, has also taught in London as part of the program.

He taught a class on international business last fall and supervised internships afterward.

"It was fantastic," DeYoung said. "Going for two weeks (as a tourist) is great, but living there is outstanding."

The courses are a function of the Missouri-London Consortium, a group of four-year colleges in Missouri, that organizes courses in London each semester.

The consortium also includes a few schools outside of Missouri.

"We're trying to develop an international and global environment for the students," DeYoung said.

The classes are open to all students from the consortium schools.

Each of the three week courses count for three credit hours and the nine week internships count for eight credit hours.

"I'm hoping to get at least 10 students from Northwest," McLaughlin said. "We've got to have seven in order to go."

The price of the Missouri-London program varies from \$2,445, for a three week course, to \$4,195 for a three week course and a nine week internship, which is optional.

Students who are eligible for financial assistance could be able to use that aid for the London trip.

"This is a good program, and it's relatively inexpensive," Fulton said.

Because the courses are part of the University's academic program, the credits will apply toward graduation. Fulton said this is a good way for students to earn 11 credits.

"This is one of the advantages of the trimester system," Fulton said. "(A student) can go to London for these courses and then come back and get in a full semester of classes."

For more information, contact Richard Fulton at 562-1291.

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Eugene Field Elementary School has opened its hallways for adults to walk every day school is in session from 6:15 to 7:15 a.m.

The hallways and stairways have been marked so walkers know exactly what constitutes a mile, two miles, etc.

For more information, call Barb Heckathorn or David Weichinger at 562-3233.

Chamber goes to capital

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce has organized a trip to Jefferson City to express the concerns of Maryville citizens to their elected officials.

The trip is scheduled for March 2 and 3. The group will leave by bus at 7 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, from the Food 4 Less parking lot and return late afternoon or early evening Wednesday, March 3.

The Chamber invites anyone to attend who would like to meet their elected officials and share their concerns. If someone is unable to make the trip, but has an issue they would like addressed they can contact Bud Vansickle, Vilas Young or Colleen Hastings at 582-8643. Contributions to fund the trip are also welcome.

St. Francis hires nurse

St. Francis Hospital hired a registered nurse Teri Harr to fill the position of patient educator in the obstetrics department. Teri Harr will be the first contact for all new patients where they will fill out paperwork, have blood drawn and ask basic care questions so they can use the time in the doctor's office more efficiently.

Library receives gifts

The Maryville Public Library has received two donations recently. One donation was given by Phillip D. Robb of Hollywood, Calif., in memory of his mother, to fund the new conference room in the library as well as to furnish the room.

The second donation was a painting given to the library by the artist Elisabeth Condon in honor of her grandmother Edwyna Michau Forsyth Condon.

Poetry being accepted

Sparrowgrass Poetry Forum is accepting poems for its Poetic Achievement Awards national contest. The grand prize will be \$1,000 along with 34 additional cash prizes.

Poets may enter one poem of 20 lines or less, on any subject and in any style. The contest closes Feb. 28. However, poets are asked to send poems as soon as possible to Dept. M, 609 Main St., Sistersville, W.V. 26175.

All poems entered are considered for publication in the Fall 1999 "Poetic Voices of America" edition to be published in September 1999.

New law unclear to some

By Jamasa Kramer
Missourian Reporter

Even though the bill passed three months ago, politicians and constituents are still grappling with the idea of whether cock fighting and bear wrestling are merely entertainment or animal abuse.

A bill making cock fighting and bear wrestling illegal in Missouri was passed by public election Nov. 3, 1998.

Although, Proposition A is still a highly debated issue.

Many say the bill needs work and more clarification. One such individual is Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo.

Graves has strongly expressed his concerns about Proposition A. He said the most frightening aspect of the law is the way it could be interpreted by some.

Graves said, under the proposition, animal fighting and baiting could include farmers who stop to watch two bulls sparring on a cattle operation.

"The language says you can't be a spectator," Jeff Roe, Graves' public relations director said.

"Of course the farmer would have to get caught, but if someone prosecuted, the farmer could be charged."

Madonna Kennedy, Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation member and Nodaway County Humane Society board member, does not understand Graves' concerns.

"The intention of the bill was to stop cock fighting and bear wrestling," Kennedy said. "That was the intent of the bill, period. It had nothing to do with how farmers treat their animals."

Proposition A was first introduced by the organization Missourians Against Cockfighting.

The group was formed in the summer of 1997 and started this process by collecting 150,000 signatures from citizens who were against cock fighting.

Then MAC gained almost 2,000 volunteers, who worked to inform the public about Proposition A.

Those opposed to Proposition A are filing a bill to add clarity to parts of the language.

Some legislation introduced in both the House and Senate include putting the Missouri Department of Agriculture in charge of making rules for rodeos, substituting "gamecock" for "animal" and addressing technical errors in exemptions by adding "fishing" and "professional or amateur rodeo practices."

Kennedy said bills to exempt fishing and rodeo practices from the

Proposition highlights

Illegal:

- Baiting or fighting animals and permitting baiting or animal fighting to be done on any premises under one's charge or control; or knowingly attending such an event.
- Promoting, conducting, or staging a baiting or fight.
- Collecting any admission fee for baiting or animal fighting.
- Knowingly selling, offering for sale or transporting any animal bred or trained to bait or fight another animal.
- Owning or possessing any cockfighting implements.
- Manufacturing, selling, bartering or exchanging any cockfighting implements.
- Bear wrestling and advertising bear wrestling.
- Permitting bear wrestling to be done on any premises under his charge or control.
- Promoting, conducting or staging bear wrestling and collecting any admission fee.
- Subjecting a bear to surgical alteration for bear wrestling.

Exempt:

- Person simulating a fight for the purpose of using the fight as part of a motion picture production or television movie.
- Person using animals to track, pursue, take wildlife or participate in hunting.
- Person using animals to herd, work or identify livestock for agricultural purposes according to recognized animal husbandry.
- Breeding, rearing or slaughtering poultry.
- Breeding or rearing game fowl when the game fowl are not intended for use in violation of the above procedures.
- Rodeo practices currently sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy's Association.

law will be supported, but bills repealing the proposition will not.

"They wanted to be sure that it didn't outlaw fishing," Kennedy said. "They somehow think that baiting a hook to go fishing is against that bill and it doesn't say that. They are trying to protect the rodeo practices too. That's not bad, that is OK."

Kennedy said Graves' concern over the banning of agriculture practices such as castration, dehorning, vaccination and herding are unnecessary.

She said perhaps some animal rights supporters who do not live in rural areas may wish to ban them, but she does not know of any in Missouri.

Cable works out kinks

by Jacob DiPietre
Editor in Chief

Some Maryville cable subscribers disagree with the city's decision to renew its contract with Classic Cable.

While Maryville City Council recently agreed on a new 15-year contract with Classic Cable, some residents do not expect results.

One such cable subscriber is Mark Murphy, Northwest vocal music major. He said he does not understand why the city agreed to a contract with Classic Cable after all the problems he has had.

"I haven't been that happy with it," Murphy said. "It seems a lot of channels are fuzzy, and I think they could get better channels. I mean two shopping channels?"

"Fuzzy channels" is a common

problem, said JoAnn King, Classic Cable area supervisor. However, King said part of the new contract included a new fiber optic cable system. She said Maryville is currently on the "old-fashioned" cable system.

"Fiber optics are the wave of the future," King said. "There is just no comparison with the coaxial cable in quality."

King said the cable company plans on beginning the actual transformation in August and estimates the entire process will take about one year.

Murphy is not the only resident who is uneasy with Classic Cable, Maryville Mayor Bridget Brown said the city did not go into the new agreement blindly.

"We assured Classic Cable we were not playing around with

them," Brown said. "We had a community fed up with the service they were providing."

In order to make sure the cable company knew what was expected of them, Brown said the City Council put together a list of all the services that were inadequate.

"We made a very very stringent list of demands the community had in order to grant the franchise agreement," Brown said. "If they did not agree to do those things, then we were prepared to go to the next step."

Brown said at the end of all the negotiations Classic Cable agreed to do everything on the list. She also said it is important to remember the cable company has a "tremendous investment in the community," and they have a right to protect their investment.

New cafe offers alternative

by Matt Armstrong
Missourian Reporter

Looking for something different in Maryville? The Aloha Cafe unlocked its doors Wednesday for its grand opening.

Aloha Cafe, located at 811 S. Main St., can add a mixture of Hawaiian and Chinese cuisine to the community.

Owner Hao Tan was previously a student at Northwest and says he plans to add variety to the dining atmosphere in Maryville. After graduation, Tan traveled back to Hawaii and worked at many different restaurants.

"I came back because I wanted to offer more food choices to the community," Tan said.

The new establishment may prove to entice customers in a different way.

"The customers will get to see their food being cooked right in front of them," Tan said.

Bobby Fong, the head chef of the cafe has more than 13 years of cooking experience and has also served as the executive chef at the Grand Palace Restaurant on the Waikoloa Beach Resort. He has cooked for royalties like the president of Taiwan and the prince and princess of Middle Eastern nations.

The cafe's hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.



Amy Jesse/Missourian Photographer

The Aloha Cafe is open for business. The new Hawaiian Chinese restaurant is located at 811 S. Main St.

Safety comes first at local pubs

by Laurie Den Ouden
Community News Editor

Many head to the bars for a good time and to relax with a few beers, but pub owners don't always have that luxury.

Few people question their safety when they go out to the local bar. However, it may be something to consider.

On Jan. 29, there was a fight in the World Famous Outback. Northwest student Spurgeon Williams was injured and taken to St. Francis Hospital for treatment and released later the same evening.

Trent Stringer, Outback owner and Maryville Pub manager, said he had banned Northwest student Dustin Laun, Williams' assailant, from the Outback for about a semester previous to the fight involving Williams for another altercation in which he had been involved.

"I thought he deserved a second chance and he couldn't handle it," Stringer said. "He made us make a

decision that we'll have to stand by."

Bar safety has become something for owners of local establishments to take into consideration, not only because of fights, but also underage drinking and those of age who have had too much to drink.

Stringer said he employs seven to eight bouncers a night at the Outback to try to prevent such fights from happening as well as to keep track of the underage patrons, and he thinks it has worked pretty well.

Molly's Bar doesn't employ bouncers because Molly's owner Joe Ackman said patrons fill that role.

"I don't have bouncers because the whole crowd doesn't want any fights, and they will break it up for me," he said.

Ackman said he has owned the bar for about two years and has had about three fights in the last year and a half.

"I rarely even have a punch thrown in the bar," he said.

Ackman has set a precedent for his customers for any violent or dis-

ruptive behaviors. If a person hits someone in Molly's, he or she are banned from the bar, Ackman said. And no matter why the person is asked to leave, refusal to this, forces him to call Maryville Public Safety to pick him or her up and file trespassing charges.

Bars are also bound by law to stop serving alcohol to anyone who is clearly inebriated, Ackman said.

Ackman said if the customers become irate about being denied a drink, he gives them something like soda without alcohol to calm them down. He then calls Public Safety or the Sheriff's Department to give them a ride.

Stringer said there is sometimes a gray area when it comes to deciding who is drunk.

"When they can't speak, walk, and they are obnoxious when they want more to drink, it's a good sign," Stringer said.

Bar owners have an obligation to keep the customers safe and happy, Ackman said.

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Campsite set to be approved

by Jacob DiPietre
Editor in Chief

The youth of Maryville and surrounding areas are one step closer to having a new campground.

The City Council heard information regarding the proposed Mozingo youth campground Monday night. While no action was taken, City Manager David Angerer said he expects the proposal to pass by resolution at the next council meeting, Monday, Feb. 22.

The campground, which can be used by youth organizations such as the Boy and Girl Scouts and other adult-led youth clubs, will be located about half a mile north of the recreational vehicle campground at Mozingo Park.

Angerer said the committee, made up of scout leaders and others, decided to go further than just the basic primitive campsite with fire rings.

"We decided, I think, to think big," Angerer said. "Maybe we won't get everything we want, but we're at least going to shoot at it. If you don't aim high you don't get very high."

The latest plans for the camp include six barracks, a bath house, combination kitchen and nature center, four study-resource areas and a wildlife demonstration area.

The estimated cost for the upgraded campground plan is roughly \$370,000, instead of the initial budgeted cost of \$37,500. So, Angerer said the city will rely on grants and donations for the project.

Campsite features

Maryville City Council heard information regarding a proposed youth campground at Mozingo Park on Monday.

- Wildlife demonstration area
- Combo kitchen/nature center
- 6 barracks
- Bath house
- Study-resources center
- 20 picnic tables
- Sand volleyball court
- Nature trail
- 3 primitive camping areas
- 2 restrooms
- Sand beach/wash-off area
- Boat dock
- Outdoor amphitheater
- 2 aquatic study areas
- Tree arboretum

"We have an unlimited amount of time to go out and get this," Angerer said. "Nobody's saying, on the committee, that we need to have this done in two years or three years or 10 years."

Since the campsite is on land designated by the Missouri Department of Conservation as "wildlife mitigation," stipulations had to be agreed upon, Mozingo Superintendent Dave Middleton said.

Some features like an arboretum, a wildlife demonstration area and an aquatic study area were added.

Program helps plan futures

by Stephanie Clarkin
Chief Reporter

Students and sponsors from eight counties in northwest Missouri were "Lost at Sea."

"Lost at Sea," one of four programs sponsored by Access 2000, operated through the Northwest Missouri Regional Council of Government Feb. 4.

Access 2000 helps sixth- to 12th-graders develop entrepreneurial skills, plan for their futures and analyze their personalities.

To achieve these goals, students were introduced to the "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People," taken from the book's author Stephen R. Covey. They learned the importance of self-appreciation through video clips from "The Lion King."

"It (the purpose of Access 2000) is to work with rural students in providing them with some services that help them plan their future," said Brenda Emery, Access 2000 coordinator. "We also focus on the idea that the students do not need to leave the area to be successful."

Emery stressed that opportunities exist for students close to home. She said it is important they consider Maryville and the surrounding area when planning their futures.

"There are advantages in living in a small town," Emery said. "You don't have to go to a big city to get a good job."

Sixth-graders have an opportunity to create a service with the idea of starting their own business. Juniors and seniors can build on this and form their own business.



Mary Jane Merriett, a Red Cross volunteer at the Maryville Senior Center helps Tina Gladman, the center's food service manager, Wednesday morning as they prepare meals for people to come eat at the center.

Seniors volunteer time

by Sarah Y. Johnson
Missourian Reporter

Many community members of Nodaway County might say Maryville is in good hands, thanks to senior citizens and their efforts to stay active and involved in the community.

Some might say after retirement, the road is easy and relaxing. But for others, retirement means more time to do things for the community.

For example, Northwest's former director of public relations, Bob Henry retired in January 1996 after 26 years. Since then, he has occupied his time tending to others' needs.

"I believe I benefit myself when I keep myself involved by doing things that are worthwhile," he said.

"I hate to think that I can't contribute. There are jobs that need to be done and people who are full-time employed don't have the time to do them. Those who are retired can offer their time in areas that are worthwhile. That's what I like to think I'm doing."

Henry is a Lions Club member and president of the Hope Lutheran Church congregation.

He has participated in the Road to Recovery program, which takes patients from Maryville to St. Joseph to receive cancer treatment.

Henry was also in charge of the Maryville Public Library Board, which raised over \$400,000 to expand its facility.

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■ Bob Henry, volunteer

active role in the community, he has a humble attitude toward his involvement.

"Maryville has a lot of people volunteering and doing important things," he said.

"I think my own contributions and volunteer efforts are probably pale to what others have done."

Other volunteers include Helen Gorsuch, who is a former high school counselor.

She retired in 1985 and is now the president of the Maryville Senior Center Board. Gorsuch volunteers her time delivering meals provided by the Senior Center to the elderly Monday through Friday.

But she said the Senior Center does more than deliver food.

"The center provides social entertainment," Gorsuch said. "We have people that come in to play cards, shoot pool and once a month have a card party with a pot luck dinner. This way, people aren't home alone."

Gorsuch said the Senior Center also provides a free blood pressure check twice a month and often brings in entertainment like Christmas shows put on by area schools.

Vilas Young, another community volunteer and former

Maryville mayor, retired in 1982 from the University of Missouri Extension Service after 18 years.

Currently, Young volunteers at the Chamber of Commerce and is on three different committees.

He is also the property chair at the First Baptist Church and a volunteer for Road to Recovery.

Young said volunteers play an essential role in Maryville.

"There would be a lot less going on around here if it weren't for volunteers," Young said.

Another contributor to the community is Donna Holt.

She worked as a housewife while her children were young, but said she has more time to devote to the community now that her children are grown.

Holt is an active member of Lifeline and has recently retired as treasurer for the Methodist Church after 18 years.

She also helps twice a month delivering meals for the Red Cross Association and is on the Public Library Board.

Holt said the Maryville community works together well and has formed a tight unit.

"I believe that Maryville has a strong volunteer base," Holt said. "People help one another here."

DEATH PENALTY

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Midway Shop & Hop. He also faces charges of first-degree robbery, armed criminal action and unlawful use of a weapon.

Convenience store clerk Hixson, Fillmore, was shot twice on Oct. 12, 1997.

Former Northwest students Brian Campbell, 20, and Philip Baldwin, 20, signed affidavits confessing to their roles in the robbery and alleging that Canon shot Hixson.

Hixson's daughter Nancy Owens, Maryville, said she never believed in the death penalty until her mother's death.

"But you feel different when it happens," she said. "He took her life and a lot away from us."

Although Owens said she is still in denial and cannot imagine the death penalty being carried out and bringing closure, she supports Biggs' decision saying it's "legally right."

"If he's found guilty, I'd like the maximum sentence and I guess with the severity of the crime it is the death penalty," she said. "I know I don't want to ever see him walking the streets again."

Both Campbell and Baldwin are charged with second-degree murder, first-degree robbery and armed criminal action.

The two face a possible maximum life sentence in prison if convicted of the crimes.

The Rauchs are charged with first-degree murder, armed criminal action and unlawful use of a weapon in the Oct. 31 death of Randall Crawford, 32, Savannah.

Byron Brushwood, 24, was also charged in the case, but agreed to plead guilty to second-degree murder in order to escape the death penalty, Biggs said.

Crawford's autopsy report stated he died from injuries inflicted by an arrow in the chest and gunshots.

Canon, Baldwin and the Rauchs are scheduled to appear in court Tuesday to review the status of the individual cases.

Biggs said trial dates may be at that time.

Campbell appeared in court Jan. 19 and his jury trial date was set for April 20.

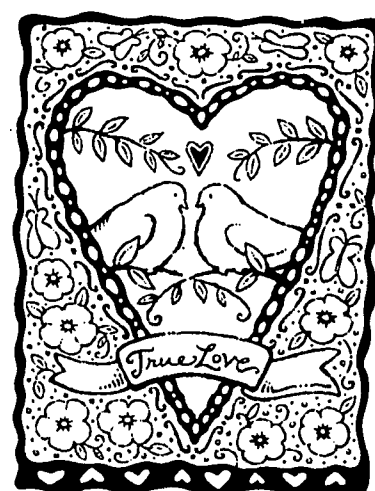
LEGISLATIVE BRIEFS

The Missouri Senate passed legislation that dealt with child support payments.

Businesses that withhold child support payments from workers' salaries can write one check instead of many individual checks.

The legislation was passed unanimously Feb. 4 in the Senate and will now return to the Missouri House of Representatives.

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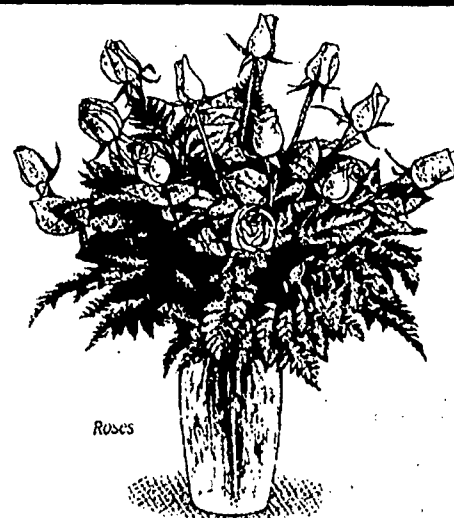
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PUBLIC SAFETY

Wednesday, Feb. 3

■ A 1983 Pontiac was towed from the 200 block of West Torrance Street where it was illegally parked.

■ Following a complaint, Becky L. Hoepker, 34, Maryville, was issued a citation for failure to stop for a school bus stop sign while the bus was unloading students in the 100 block of North Market Street.

■ Elizabeth J. Gualandi, 21, Maryville, was served a Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. She was released after posting bond.

■ Chad W. Cullen, 23, Maryville, was served a Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ A Skidmore male reported the theft of five work uniforms from his vehicle. They were five white short sleeve T-shirts and five pairs of green pants.

■ An officer stopped a vehicle in the 400 block of East Third Street after he observed it driving over the posted speed limit. Contact was made with the driver, Betty A. Fitzmier, 31, Mound City, and an odor of marijuana was detected. After receiving permission to search the vehicle, a green leafy substance was discovered along with drug paraphernalia. Fitzmier was arrested for possession of 35 grams or less of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, exceeding the posted speed limit and driving without a valid driver's license. She was released after posting bond.

Thursday, Feb. 4

■ A fire unit responded to a local nursing home on a fire alarm. Upon investigation, no fire or smoke was found and it was determined to be an alarm system malfunction.

■ Jonathan S. Moser, 23, Bigelow, was served a Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ Phillip W. Wright, 22, Maryville, was issued a summons for possession of stolen property following an investigation in which video tapes,

magazines and hand-held games were recovered from his possession.

■ James L. Ward, Maryville, was parked in the Brown's Shoe Fit parking lot. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

■ Angela R. Kelmel, Barnard, was westbound in the 300 block of West Thompson Street. She was attempting to park in front of the parked vehicle of Thomas W. Reger, Maryville. Kelmel struck Reger's vehicle. Citations were issued to Kelmel for careless and imprudent driving and to Reger for parking within 5-feet of an alley.

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked at his residence, the passenger side window was broken out.

■ A fire unit responded to a reported structure fire in the 500 block of East First Street. Upon investigation no fire was found, but the basement had a light haze of smoke. The cause was undetermined.

■ Joyce K. Austin, Maryville, and Michael R. Strong, Maryville, were both northbound in the 800 block of North Main Street. Strong stopped in traffic and was struck from behind by Austin. A citation was issued to Austin for failure to yield.

Friday, Feb. 5

■ An officer stopped a vehicle in the 2800 block of South Main Street. While talking with the driver, Erick J. Wattenbarger, 24, Trenton, an odor of intoxicants was detected. He was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he failed to successfully perform field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. He was also issued a citation for driving with a suspended license.

■ After receiving numerous complaints of dogs running at large in the 100 block of North Water Street, a summons was issued to Richard D. Davis, 31, Maryville, for allowing dogs to run at large.

■ A Skidmore female reported she had lost her purse, location unknown. It was described as brown with a snap on one side and a zip-

per on the other and contained approximately \$36 cash, identification and bank cards.

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked in the 700 block of College Avenue it was damaged. Someone had used a sharp object to put scratches on the driver's side.

■ A Maryville female reported that the rear license plate of her vehicle had either been lost or stolen.

■ A Maryville male reported that while his vehicle was parked at his residence, person(s) had taken approximately 100 music CD's from the vehicle. Estimated loss valued at \$1,000.

■ Katherine B. Adkins, 24, Tarkio, was served a Municipal Court warrant for failure to appear. She is being held on bond.

■ George Buholt II, Ravenwood, was southbound in the 400 block of North Laura Street and stated he was about to pass the parked vehicle of Douglas R. Henry, Brookfield, when he heard a noise and his car went out of control. Buholt struck Henry's vehicle. No citations were issued.

■ Leslie W. New, Maryville, was eastbound on East First Street at the U.S. 71 bypass, when Shane M. Garnett, Maryville, attempting to make a turn onto the bypass, pulled into the path of New. A citation was issued to Garnett for failure to yield.

Saturday, Feb. 6

■ An officer on patrol in the 100 block of East Third Street when he observed a vehicle cross over the centerline. The vehicle was stopped and while talking with the driver, Robert Robertson Jr., 47, Maryville, an odor of intoxicants was detected. Robertson was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he could not successfully complete field sobriety tests. He was also issued a summons for careless and imprudent driving.

■ An officer on patrol in the 200 block of West Fourth Street observed a male in possession of an alcoholic beverage. Contact was made with the subject, John M. Newell, 20, Maryville, and he was

issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

Sunday, Feb. 7

■ Officers responded to the 200 block of South Buchanan Street on a complaint of a loud party. Upon arrival contact was made with the occupant, Justin W. Plymell, 20, and he was issued a summons for allowing a peace disturbance. While officers were shutting the party down, they observed the following people in possession of alcoholic beverages: Lisa L. Rankin, 18, Maryville; Jeremy L. Nally, 20, Maryville; Andria L. Dunbar, 18, Maryville; and Corey D. Beemer, 19, Clarinda, Iowa. Each was issued a summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

■ A 1986 Mercury was towed from the 300 block of East Fourth Street where it was illegally parked.

■ Clétus C. Schieber, Maryville, was parked in the Bearcat Lanes parking lot on South Main Street. His vehicle was struck by a driver who then left the scene.

Monday, Feb. 8

■ A Maryville male reported that while his semi-tractor was parked in the 1000 block of North College Drive, someone broke in and took a crescent wrench and a few screwdrivers. Estimated loss valued at \$50. They also attempted to remove an AM/FM cassette radio and tore a CB radio off of the top of the cab.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Wednesday, Jan. 27

■ Officers responded to a fire alarm in Roberta Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

Friday, Jan. 29

■ Officers received a report from a Dieterich Hall resident that they were being harassed. An investigation was initiated.

Saturday, Jan. 30

■ Officers investigated a theft from a vehicle on campus. All items were located and the suspects were issued University summons.

■ Officers investigated a report of property damage to a vehicle

parked in the lower lot behind Perrin and Hudson halls. An investigation was initiated.

Sunday, Jan. 31

■ An officer stopped a vehicle on University Drive for careless and imprudent driving. The driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated after he failed to successfully perform field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. The driver was transported to the Nodaway County Jail and was issued a University summons for driving while intoxicated.

■ Officers received a report of a Cooper Hall resident being harassed. An investigation was initiated.

Monday, Feb. 1

■ Officers received a report of stolen property from a Dieterich Hall resident. An investigation was initiated.

Tuesday, Feb. 2

■ Officers responded to a medical emergency in Garrett-Strong. The patient was transported to St. Francis Hospital for further evaluation.

■ Officers responded to a fire alarm in Roberta Hall. The alarm was unfounded.

NEW ARRIVALS

Dakota Gordon Leeper

Shawn and Lori Leeper, Maitland, are the parents of Dakota Gordon Leeper, born Jan. 30 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 9 pounds, 10 ounces. His grandparents are Jack and Kathy Angell, Nashua, Iowa; and David and Marcia Leeper, Graham.

His great-grandparents are Andy Angell, Osage, Iowa; Gordon and Genevieve Russell, Graham; and Roberta Richey, Big Lake Village.

OBITUARIES

Oscar Hansen Sr.

Oscar Jacob Hansen Sr., 75, Conception Junction, died Feb. 3 at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City. He was born July 23, 1923, to James and Bertha Hansen in

Lamonte.

Survivors include his spouse, Mary; three sons, Oscar Jr., Richard and James; one brother, Galen; one sister, Patricia Bronson; and seven grandchildren.

Services were 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Price Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at the Barnard Cemetery in Barnard.

Esthel Owens

Esthel LaVonne Owens, 63, St. Joseph, died Feb. 4 at Heartland Regional Medical Center-East in St. Joseph.

She was born May 15, 1935, to Cleaven and Jessie Spoonemore in Ravenwood.

Survivors include four daughters, Kim Stiens, Cindy Byergo, Jennifer Abel and Mary Jane Hayes; one son, Doug; one brother, Charles Spoonemore; five sisters, LaVeta Jones, VonCeile Parman, Evelyn Berg and Frankie Caldwell; 11 grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Services were 11 a.m. Monday at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville. Burial was at the Nodaway Memorial Cemetery in Maryville.

Ethel Riley

Ethel Mearl Riley, 87, Hopkins, died Feb. 5 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Jan. 30, 1912, to John and Mildred Auten in Nodaway County.

Survivors include three sons, Edward, Arthur and Lawrence; two brothers, Roy and Otis Auten; three sisters, Doris Chapman, Gladys Sowards and Pauline Hill; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Services were 2 p.m. Monday at the Swanson-Price Funeral Home in Hopkins. Burial was at the Long Branch Cemetery in Gaynor.

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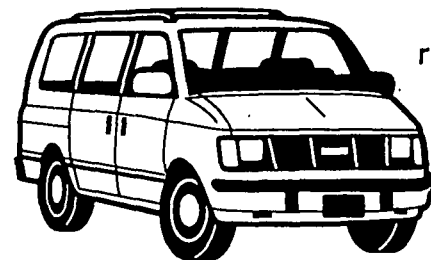


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Love Potion No. 9

by Heather Butler, Features Editor

Scientists specializing in love have discovered it is influenced as much by molecules as emotion.

In fact, Philosophy Cosmetics says it can induce feelings of attraction and love through its product "Falling in Love."

The brew is filled with pheromones, odorless airborne molecules synthesized from human chemical secretions that allegedly boost attractiveness. And according to new research, this product is on the right track.

Scientists say the stimulus that drives us to attraction, marry and remain monogamous to one another is attributed to a complex mix of naturally occurring chemicals and hormones.

Discoveries made in the last decade may allow scientists to predict, and in some cases control, love.

According to James Fallon, professor of anatomy and neurobiology at the University of California, in the next 10 years there could be chemical nasal sprays to enhance feelings of love between couples.

These feelings of love are caused by elevated levels of dopamine, norepinephrine and phenylethylamine (PEA). Fallon told Life magazine the mixture of these naturally occurring chemicals feels like a low dose of amphetamines, or a large dose of chocolate, another source of PEA, which contributes to the feelings of attraction.

Oxytocin is a naturally occurring chemical produced in the hypothalamus, a relay section of the brain. It helps create feelings of caring and warmth in couples. Scientists say that oxytocin strengthens the brain's receptors that produce emotions. It increases during touching and other stages of intimacy. It has also been found to create fond memories of the significant other when they are apart.

Some students do not agree with the scientific aspect of love.

"I believe that love comes from your heart and soul," said pre-nursing major Kelly Quinn. "People fall in love with one another because of who the other one is, not because of a chemical reaction."

Erica Smith/Design Director

What was the worst date you've ever had?

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"The worst date I ever had was when my date and I never said a word the entire night to each other."

Becky Conway, business management major



"The worst date I ever had is when my mom set me up with someone who turned out to be really ugly and gross, but I had to go out with him anyway to be nice."

Amy Wilson, undecided major



"The worst date I ever had is when I went to the movies with this one guy and he brought his friend and the friend ended up talking to me more than he did. He also made me pay."

Erin Casselman, family and consumer science education major



"I was set up on this blind date and I found out later that she had buck teeth."

Ryan Fouts, broadcasting major



"My worst date ever is when I met this girl on the Internet who seemed real cool, but when I went to pick her up she was not what I expected at all."

Adam Goff, theater major



"I was on this date and this girl passed gas in front of me. I couldn't stop laughing the entire night. She turned out to be really mad."

Brian Froelker, business management major

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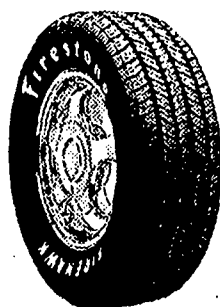
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